

WE CLAIM:

1. A pharmaceutical composition comprising gabapentin initially containing less than 0.5% by weight of a corresponding lactam and having pH in the range of 6.8 to 7.3, which, after one year of storage at 25 °C and 60% humidity the conversion of gabapentin to its corresponding lactam does not exceed 0.2% by weight of gabapentin.
2. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1, wherein the pH is in the range of 7.0 to 7.2.
3. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1 further comprising at least one adjuvant.
4. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 3, wherein said adjuvant is selected from the group consisting of modified maize starch, sodium croscarmellose, glycerol behenic acid ester, methacrylic acid co-polymers (types A and C), anion exchangers, titanium dioxide, silica gels, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose, polyvinylpyrrolidone, crospovidon, poloxamer 407, poloxamer 188, sodium starch glycolate, copolyvidone, maize starch, cyclodextrin, lactose, talc, co-polymers of dimethylamino-methacrylic acid and neutral methacrylic acid ester.
5. Gabapentin which contains less than 0.5% of the corresponding lactam, and less than 100 ppm of the anion of a mineral acid, which has a pH between 6.8 and 7.3, and which, after one year at 25°C and 60% relative humidity, the conversion of gabapentin to its corresponding lactam does not exceed 0.2% by weight of gabapentin.
6. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 4, wherein said silica gel is Aerosil 200.